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McNEIL ROBINSON

Church of St. Mary the Virgin, NYC  
Park Avenue Synagogue, NYC

ORGAN CONCERT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1981  
3:30 P.M.

Cathedral Church of St. Paul  
War Memorial Drive  
Between Sheridan and Knoxville Avenues  
Peoria, Illinois

**McNeil Robinson**, composer, conductor and organist, is Director of Music at the Church of Saint Mary the Virgin and Organist at Park Avenue Synagogue, New York City. Described by the press as "a master of his chosen instrument" and a "complete musician," at Saint Mary's "Robinson regularly commands the finest French cathedral organ outside France and provides ceremonial music and accompaniments possibly equaled only in a handful of European churches."

As a recitalist, Robinson tours both in the United States and Europe. He is particularly noted for his "authentic Bach style," for his interpretations of the contemporary French repertoire, and for his "astounding improvisations" which attain the rarefied heights achieved only by a handful of organists of any era. Marcel Dupré wrote of Robinson's recording of the *15 Antiphons*: "a magnificent performance of my work from every point of view, technique, registration, phrasing, and interpretation."

As conductor of St. Mary's fully professional Schola Cantorum, Robinson directs the weekly performance of masterpieces of the liturgical repertoire, from Machaut to Stravinsky, Lassus to Mozart. He and the Schola have recorded for Musical Heritage Society the Alessandro Scarlatti *Messa di Sancta Cecilia* (1720), the anonymous masses of Tournai and Toulouse (C. 1325), and Marc-Antoine Charpentier's *Messe pour le Samedi de Pasques*.

Robinson is a prolific composer whose compositions are published by the Theodore Presser Company and include works for solo voice, chorus, organ, and chamber ensemble.

A native of Birmingham, Alabama, McNeil Robinson was graduated from the Juilliard School of Music with the coveted Faculty Award. He continued his studies privately with George Faxon in Boston.

Recordings by McNeil Robinson are available from Decca, Oiseau-Lyre, Musical Heritage Society and LIRS.

# Program

Prelude & Fugue in D Major - Johann Sebastian Bach  
(BWV 532) (1685-1750)

Fifth Sonata in D Major - Johann Sebastian Bach  
(BWV 529)

Sonata 1981, "Allegro" - McNeil Robinson

Hommage a Messiaen - McNeil Robinson

## *Intermission*

Variations Sur un Noël, Op. 20 - Marcel Dupré  
(1886-1971)

Souvenir (Sept Pieces, Op. 27) - Marcel Dupré

Choral in A Minor - Cesar Franck  
(1822-1890)

Improvisation on submitted theme(s)

Specifications for Organ at St. Paul's Cathedral - Peoria, Illinois  
M. P. Moller, Inc.  
1959

GREAT ORGAN (Unenclosed)

16'	Quintade	61	pipes
8'	Principal	61	pipes
8'	Bourdon	61	pipes
4'	Octave	61	pipes
2'	Waldfloete	61	pipes
IV	Furniture	244	pipes
8'	Trumpet	61	pipes

SWELL ORGAN (Enclosed)

8'	Gedeckt	61	pipes
8'	Gambe	61	pipes
8'	Gambe Celeste	61	pipes
4'	Rohrfloete	61	pipes
2'	Principal	61	pipes
III	Plein Jeu	183	pipes
16'	Cor Anglais	61	pipes
8'	Trompette	61	pipes
	Tremolo		

PEDAL ORGAN (Unenclosed)

16'	Violone	32	pipes
16'	Trombone	12	pipes
16'	Quintade (Great)		
16'	Erzahler (Choir)		
8'	Principal	32	pipes
8'	Rohrgedeckt	32	pipes
8'	Erzahler (Choir)		
4'	Rohrgedeckt	12	pipes
4'	Clarion (Great)		
2'	Rohrfloete	12	pipes
4'	Octave	12	pipes
V	Mixture	120	pipes

CHOIR ORGAN (Enclosed)

16'	Erzahler	12	pipes
8'	Quintfloete	61	pipes
8'	Erzahler	61	pipes
8'	Erzahler Celeste	49	pipes
	(TC)		
4'	Nachthorn	61	pipes
2'	Prinzpal	61	pipes
II	Zimbel	122	pipes
II	Cornet	122	pipes
8'	Singend Regal	61	pipes
	Tremolo		

CHAPEL ORGAN SPECIFICATIONS (Unenclosed)

GREAT ORGAN

16'	Rohrbourdon	12	pipes
8'	Rohrfloete	68	pipes
8'	Dolce	68	pipes
4'	Principal	68	pipes
II	Mixture	122	pipes
4'	Musette	61	pipes
	Tremolo		

ACCOMPANIMENTAL ORGAN  
(Duplexed)

8'	Rohrfloete	68	notes
8'	Dolce	68	notes
4'	Principal	68	notes

PEDAL ORGAN

16'	Rohrbourdon	32	notes
8'	Gemshorn	32	pipes
8'	Rohrfloete	32	notes
4'	Gemshorn	12	pipes

Chapel organ is controlled by separate console in chapel or by Main Organ where it can be played separately or in ensemble with Main Organ on any manual by 8' Coupler

MAIN ORGAN

Total sets	32
Total Ranks	43
Total pipes	2094

CHAPEL ORGAN

8
9
443

# Coming Events

## JANUARY

Tuesday, the 5th, at 7:30 p.m.  
12th Night Party  
Flanagan House  
\$2.00 per person

## FEBRUARY

Tuesday, the 2nd, at 8:00 p.m.  
Members Recital  
First United Methodist Church  
116 N.E. Perry, Peoria

## MARCH

Saturday, the 6th, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Master Class with Jerald Hamilton  
First Federated Church  
3601 N. Sheridan Road, Peoria

Sunday, the 7th, at 3:30 p.m.  
Organ Concert: JERALD HAMILTON  
First Federated Church

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